



# DafNews



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Two years on and DafNews is back in publication with the challenge to generate enough interesting content, particularly now that the grandchildren, who were the source of most of the amusing content, are now in their teens and moving towards adulthood.

## General Activities

Geoff and Sheila continued with their regular 'pub' walks with friends Jenny & Godfrey seeking out quaint country pubs, visiting vineyards and old manor houses with the occasional cream tea! The couple also enjoyed a number of theatre visits and Sheila popped off with Nicola & family to see Manchester United play Reading at Old Trafford (Yipee!).

## 2013

### New Car & New Babe

Melanie replaced her old faithful Dawoo with a Citroen C2, Jay celebrated his 10th birthday and on the 24<sup>th</sup> March Sean & Jay were delighted to welcome a sister, Ciara, into their family. However, the month ended sadly when Twinkle was put to sleep on March 25<sup>th</sup> following a



deteriorating quality of life.

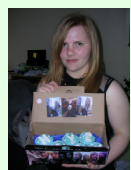
### 'Ere, ear, what's going on?

Sheila's celebrated her 68<sup>th</sup> birthday in April and then spent a week with Geoff in the Shrewsbury area, where Geoff picked up an (irritating to Sheila) ear infection. Pardon? What was that? I can't hear you.



### Fair Do's!

A visit to the May Fayre in Yateley was followed by a scary few days when Geoff's sister Valerie was admitted into hospital with breathing difficulties. Hayley celebrated her 14th birthday and Jonny his 16th in the usual manner with cakes and family.



### Sports and Thoughts

Sheila & Geoff enjoyed watching Jay participate in the school sports day and Geoff took Beth to Brighton University to investigate marketing courses which she was thinking of doing



at the time. Geoff & Sheila also had a fly-drive holiday in Iceland where Sheila tried to 'pull' a local.



### Photo Ops

Melanie celebrated her 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday with multi cakes and Geoff & Sheila took Hayley out for a photoshoot, as part of her school art project.



### Goodbye Sister

September was a very sad month when Geoff's sister Valerie passed away just as he and Sheila were embarking on a trip along the Rhine with friends Godfrey & Jenny. A great loss to Geoff as Valerie was only 73 years old.



The more cheerful events of the month were Andrew's 14th and Nicola's 45th birthdays. Geoff started working one day a week at Datanet, in addition to managing Dan's accounts, and Jonny



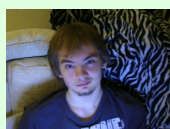
started a part time job at Redfields Garden Centre to earn a bit of cash.

### Yet More Birthdays



October saw Geoff celebrate his 72nd birthday, whilst in December Sean

celebrated his 17th and Beth reached her milestone 18th.



Hayley performed in another of her rock group's concerts when she demonstrated her vocal skills.

### Nasty for Nicola

Nicola had her gall bladder removed following months of pain and discomfort but won a personal award from the Newbury Building Society for her outstanding performance in all activities in support of the Society.

Christmas Day was celebrated at Geoff & Sheila's and Boxing Day at Melanie's.

### 2014

Melanie and Nicola & family came to Geoff & Sheila for New Year's Day with Beth & Hayley joining them in the evening.

Sheila went with Mike to watch Reading whilst Geoff spent the afternoon with Nicola. Hayley had another rock concert, concentrating more on the vocals.

### The March of Time

Jay's had his 11th Birthday and no guesses for what he got? Also in March, Geoff finished working at



Datanet (again). April saw the celebration of Sheila's 69th Birthday, which included a woodland walk, and later

in the month Geoff & Nicola went to the opera to see Verdi's Nabucco.

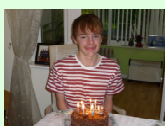


### Beth's Wheels

Beth acquired a blue Ford Ka (just needs to pass the test now).

### May Day(s)

Two were in celebration of Hayley's



16th birthday and Jonny's



17th and another six saw Geoff & Sheila fly off to Berlin to enjoy rides on the buses, trams, S-Bahn, U-Bahn and Deutsche Bahn

### Finishing Off

This month Geoff finally handed over his Chamber responsibilities four years after leaving Gillingham. Beth took her A Level exams and Hayley had her school leaving prom.



### It's a Knockout

Certainly for Andrew, when a fellow player accidentally kicked him in the head during a football match and he suffered some memory loss

### Golden Years

Geoff & Sheila celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a memorable cruise along the River Danube from Budapest to Passau and also enjoyed a great family meal.

### Sean's Sojourn

Sean flew off to Cologne to attend the Gamescom trade fair with internet friends and Melanie celebrated her 44th birthday.



### Animal Magic

Hayley commenced her course in Animal Management at Sparsholt College near Winchester. Andrew and Nicola



celebrated their 15th and 46th Birthdays respectively.

### Jonny Drives us Mad

Not really; he passed his driving test and got his first car. Unfortunately a friend's Dad reversed into it, so he had to get another one.

### Hayley's Finale



Hayley performed at her final rock concert and Geoff celebrated his 73rd birthday with a visit to Westonbirt.

### All Change!

Jonny quit his Redfield job and started a part-time job at Morrisons.

### Year End

Sean's celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family meal and Beth celebrated her 19th (and last 'teen' year).

